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Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach



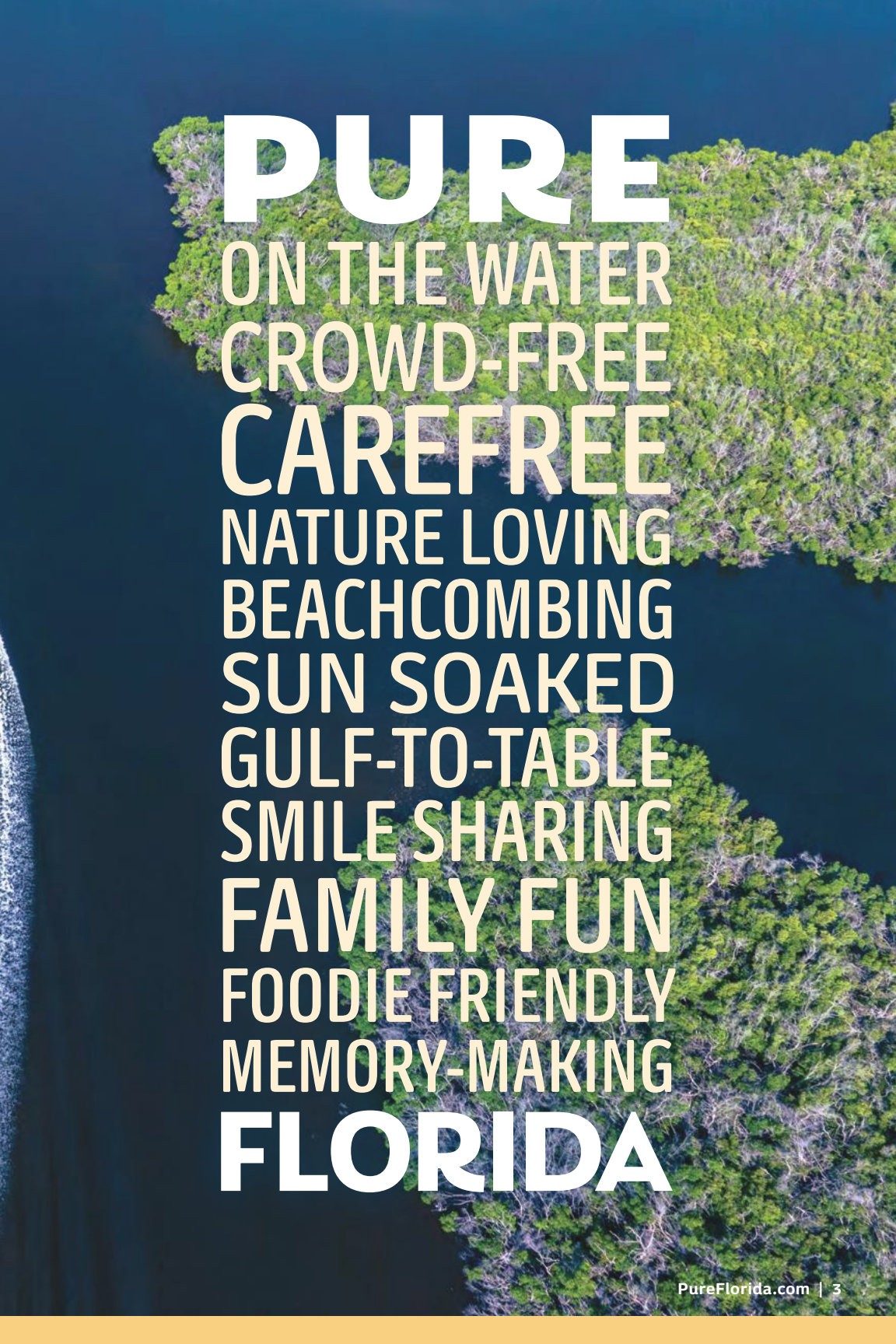
**PUNTA GORDA
ENGLEWOOD BEACH**

The Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast

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Looking for a relaxed escape with the perfect balance of fun and rest? Discover Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach, where you can enjoy authentic Florida experiences at every turn. Paddle through calm blue waters and explore nature trails teeming with wildlife. Find hidden islands, cast a line at world-renowned fishing spots, or play golf on championship courses. When it's time to refuel, enjoy coastal flavors in a town ranked #2 on USA Today's 10Best Small Town Food Scenes. With cozy accommodations, fresh local cuisine, and endless ways to explore, your vacation starts here.



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ON THE WATER

CROWD-FREE

CAREFREE

NATURE LOVING

BEACHCOMBING

SUN SOAKED

GULF-TO-TABLE

SMILE SHARING

FAMILY FUN

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MEMORY-MAKING

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Our Best Side is Outside.™

Welcome to Punta Gorda/
Englewood Beach, where our best
side is outside! Soak up the sun
Beachside or paddle Waterside
through calm bays filled with
dolphins and manatees. Go wild,
Trailside, exploring nature, or
shop, sip, and sway Nightside
to live music. Later, rejuvenate
Bedside at a charming inn
where coastal comfort meets
pure relaxation. However you
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and share your vacation adventures with **#BestSideOutside**



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BEACH

Welcome to the Beach

Leave the crowds behind and find your spot on Southwest Florida's sunlit shoreline. Relax on soft golden sand, wade into calm, clear waters, and share the beach with pelicans gliding overhead or dolphins surfacing to say hello. When adventure calls, grab a snorkel, search the shore for seashells, or join the local tradition of hunting for fossilized shark teeth. Simple pleasures and endless discoveries define what beach days are meant to be.



HSIDE





Englewood Beach at Chadwick Park

All aboard for a beach day to remember at Englewood Beach Park. Expansive Gulf views meet soft, shell-strewn sand where fossilized shark teeth hide in plain sight. Families will love the playground and convenient amenities. Settle in for the day, then stay for a sunset worthy of a toast.



Don Pedro Island State Park

Set out on a mini adventure to Don Pedro Island State Park, a hidden island escape waiting to be explored. Paddle out by kayak or cruise in by boat to mangrove-lined shores and wander along peaceful nature trails. Cross to the Gulf side to find a mile of soft, powdery sand and clear water, perfect for swimming, shelling, or simply soaking in the serenity.



Stump Pass Beach State Park

Kick off your visit with a local tradition by placing a shell on driftwood and making a wish, then see where the day takes you. Wander the shoreline, spot playful dolphins, and feel the breeze as the water laps the shore. It is the perfect place to chase a sunset, unwind, and let your cares drift away.

Knight Island (Palm Island)

Find your own slice of paradise on this barrier island, where pristine beaches and endless Gulf views create the perfect setting. Accessible only by boat, water taxi, or car ferry, Palm Island offers a true escape. For the ultimate experience, rent a vacation home or stay at Palm Island Resort and enjoy island life at its best: no traffic, no crowds, no worries—just pristine beaches and zero regrets.

Gasparilla Island State Park

Combine relaxing on the beach with exploring history. Walk along an expansive, dune-lined shoreline, then visit the famous Port Boca Grande Lighthouse, which houses a museum showcasing the island's vibrant history. Along the way, enjoy sweeping Gulf views and watch for dolphins just offshore. It offers the perfect mix of natural beauty and cultural charm, all in one memorable stop.

Beyond the Beach Chair

The water is calling, and adventure is waiting! Paddle through peaceful mangroves, dive in for a refreshing swim, or reel in the day's catch at one of Florida's top fishing spots. Seasoned boater or first-timer, you can rent a boat or let a captain steer the way on a scenic cruise. Watch dolphins play, soak up golden sunsets, and make memories you'll cherish long after the tide goes out.



Plan Your Beach Day

Sea Turtle Nesting Season

From May through October, our beaches serve as nurseries for sea turtles. During this special time, it's essential to help protect them. Respect all marked nests and never touch or disturb them. Keep lights dim at night, as artificial lighting can disorient hatchlings. Before leaving the beach, fill in holes and smooth out sandcastles so tiny turtles won't get trapped. Always take your trash with you to prevent hazards for sea life, and if you're lucky enough to see a turtle, enjoy the moment quietly from a distance. Every small effort helps these incredible creatures reach the Gulf safely.

Beach Etiquette 101

A perfect beach day isn't just about having fun in the sun, it's about keeping our shores beautiful for everyone (and everything) that calls them home. Please remember:

Sea Turtle Nests: Watch for marked areas and give them space.

Leave No Trace: Carry out everything you bring, including trash and recycling.

Keep It Peaceful: Be mindful of music and noise so all visitors can relax.

Respect Wildlife: Admire dolphins, seabirds, manatees, and other creatures from a distance.

A little care can go a long way in preserving our coast for future generations.



Beach Day Checklist

FUN IN THE SUN EDITION



Sunscreen & Shades

Protect your skin and keep those sunny smiles squint-free.



Hat & Hydration

A wide-brimmed hat and bottled water are must-haves.



Towels, Chairs & Umbrella

Comfort = all-day beach bliss.



Flip-Flops or Water Shoes

Hot sand and hidden shells? You'll be glad you packed them.



Sand Toys & Snorkel Gear

For when adventure calls (or you just want to play).



Small Trash Bag

Leave only footprints and keep paradise pristine.



Snacks or Picnic Lunch

Because sunshine works up an appetite!



Reusable Bag

Perfect for seashell finds and beach souvenirs.



WATER, WATER EVERY WHERE!

Explore a water wonderland along 230 miles of shoreline where the Peace and Myakka rivers meet in Charlotte Harbor, Florida's second-largest estuary. With 80% of the coastline protected, it serves as a vibrant nursery for marine life and a sanctuary for paddlers, anglers and nature lovers — where calm waters and endless discoveries define what beach days are meant to be.



fun ON THE water



Exploring winding mangrove trails, one peaceful paddle at a time.



Racing across open water, jet skiing into pure adventure.



Sailing Charlotte Harbor, catching calm winds and wide-open views.



Gathering friends and hitting the water for a day of boating



Gliding along serene waters, balancing adventure on your SUP.

Cruise It

Ready to conquer the waves? Rent a motorboat, sailboat, or jet ski and head out on the water. Our marinas make it easy with quick how-tos, safety tips, and local expertise. Bringing your own boat? They'll direct you to the best launch ramps, trailer parking, and fuel docks, plus share insider routes to smooth water. Comfortable, confident, and cruising—just the way you like it!



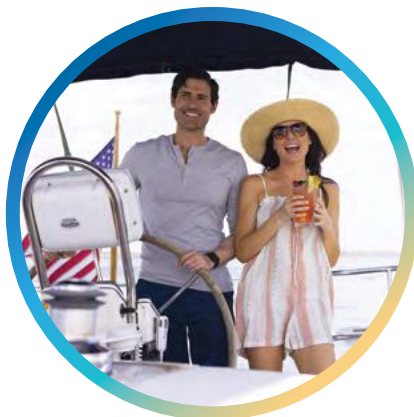
Paddle It

Explore the Blueway Trails, which are nearly 200 miles of paddling-friendly routes. Drift along freshwater rivers and creeks or follow the saltwater shoreline by kayak, canoe, or stand-up paddleboard. Expect wildlife sightings, mangrove tunnels, and expansive sky views you'll talk about long after you dock.



Tour It

Set sail for adventure. Take a sailing lesson with an experienced instructor, navigating peaceful waters and open bays. Prefer to relax? Hop aboard a narrated cruise with King Fisher Fleet in Punta Gorda and let the crew handle the navigation. Drop anchor at a hidden island, watch dolphins surf the wake, and stay awhile as the sun sinks below the horizon. With skilled skippers and carefully planned routes, unforgettable journeys await.



GUYS' GETAWAY

BROS, BREWS & HARBOR VIEWS

Gather your crew! It's time for a brocation filled with fishing, brews, and fun.



DAY 1 | Lines In, Spirits Up

Kick off with a charter launching from Laishley Park Municipal Marina to reel in snook, tarpon, and snapper. End the day with cold brews, live music, and harbor views at TT's Tiki Bar.



DAY 2 | Tees and Taps

Play a round at Riverwood Golf Club or Heritage Landing, then enjoy local drinks at Peace River Beer Company or darts and brews at IceHouse Pub.



DAY 3 | Paddle and Play

Kayak along one of the Charlotte Harbor Blueway Trails, spotting dolphins and manatees. Refuel with waterfront bites and live music at Lighthouse Grill and Tiki Bar, a local favorite.



DAY 4 | Speed and Sunsets

Rent jet skis or try parasailing over the Gulf. Enjoy rooftop cocktails and laid-back nightlife in downtown Punta Gorda as the sun dips low.



DAY 5 | Chill and Cheers

Enjoy brunch at Leroy's Southern Kitchen & Bar, browse Fishermen's Village, and savor one last waterfront view before heading home.

The Tarpon Fishing Capital of the World

Welcome to Boca Grande Pass, where “silver kings” test every angler's skills and stamina. Hook up, hold on, and feel the thrill of that unforgettable first hit. Tarpon bite year-round, but April through October is the peak time to check off this bucket-list catch (and release) in memorable fashion.

No Equipment? No Problem

Don't worry if you forget to pack your gear. Fishing here is easy and enjoyable, with many local outfitters ready to help you get on the water. From rods, reels, and tackle to bait and coolers, you'll find everything you need for a great day of casting. Want to focus on having fun? Rent a fully equipped boat or book with a local captain who will provide all the essentials and insider tips to land the big one. Your perfect fishing trip is always within reach with convenient marinas and rental shops throughout the area.



Hooked on Charlotte Harbor

Whether it's your first cast or your hundredth, fishing here feels personal. Charlotte Harbor offers it all: saltwater, back-bay, offshore, and pier action where Gulf waters meet the Peace, Myakka, and Caloosahatchee rivers.

Is freshwater more your style? Explore numerous lakes across the county, including the Babcock/Webb Wildlife Management Area, with fishable ponds, canals, and easy access points.

Beginners can start from convenient piers and parks, while seasoned anglers sight-cast the flats, work the mangroves, or run offshore for bigger bites. Friendly guides, well-stocked marinas, and nearby launch ramps make it easy to get on the water, with bait, tackle, and local tips available.

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TRIP**



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FIVE FISH EVERY ANGLER SHOULD HOOK

Snook

Hug the mangroves and beaches and work the tide for this local favorite.



Redfish

Look for tails in the shallows; they love to cruise the flats and around oyster bars.



Spotted Sea Trout

Cast over grass beds with a popping cork for steady action.



Grouper

Head offshore, drop deep, and prepare for a tug-of-war.



Tarpon

Go big or go home! Hook the Silver King during migration season for an unforgettable fight.



PEDALS, PADDLES & FOOTPRINTS

Explore over 70 parks, preserves, and recreation areas, from Gulf-side paths on Manasota Key to pine-flatwoods routes in the south. Hike and bike through tropical landscapes, observe wildlife along the Great Florida Birding Trail, and connect to 50+ Blueway paddling trails for a land-to-water adventure. Prefer an in-town stroll? Walk along harbor-front promenades and through historic neighborhoods filled with colorful murals, cafes, and shops.



Birdwatching Bliss

Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is a standout destination along the Great Florida Birding Trail, offering an exceptional blend of coastal estuaries, mangrove forests, prairies, and pine flatwoods that support an impressive diversity of species. Spot everything from iconic wading birds like herons, egrets, and roseate spoonbills to raptors such as ospreys and bald eagles, along with seasonal migratory warblers and other songbirds. Whether you're an experienced birder or simply enjoy wildlife watching, the area's protected natural areas and peaceful waters create the perfect setting for discovering Florida's vibrant birdlife.



Find Your Ideal Trail

Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach offers an incredible variety of trails that invite you to explore Florida's natural beauty at your own pace. From peaceful hiking paths through flatwoods and wetlands to scenic bikeways that wind along the coast, it's easy to get outdoors and get moving. Paddlers will find just as much to love, with calm creeks, winding estuaries, and expansive coastal waters perfect for kayaking or paddleboarding. Whether you're craving a laid-back nature walk, an active adventure, or a day of discovery on the water, the area's trail network has something for every style of explorer.



SCAN, EXPLORE & HIT THE TRAIL

Not sure where to start? Let us help you find your ideal trail match! Whether hiking, biking, or paddling, there's a path here for every pace and passion—from scenic boardwalks to wild mangrove tunnels. Scan the QR code to explore all 70+ local trails and 200 miles of paddling routes. Your next adventure begins here!



FIND YOUR TRAIL MATCHMAKER

LAND TRAILS

◀ RELAXED & SCENIC

PAVED/ACCESSIBLE

(Walking/Easy)

- Cape Haze Pioneer Trail
- Harborwalk

FAMILY-FRIENDLY

(Short Loops)

- Tippecanoe Environmental Park
- Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center - Alligator Creek

▶ ACTIVE & SPORTY

NATURAL-SURFACE TRAILS

(Hiking/Nature)

- Cedar Point Environmental Park
- Amberjack Environmental Park

SOLO/EXPERIENCED

(Longer, Remote Trails)

- Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park
- Back-country or longer loops within Amberjack or Cedar Point

WATER TRAILS

◀ CALM & SMOOTH

MANGROVE & LAGOON

(Kayak/SUP - Easy)

- Lemon Bay
- Guided Mangrove Tours

▶ ADVENTUROUS

SOLO/EXPERIENCED

(Extended Paddles)

- Charlotte Harbor Blueway Trails
- Lemon Bay Paddling Loop



Cycle & See the Sights

Explore Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach on two wheels to see why it's one of Florida's most bike-friendly destinations. The Cape Haze Pioneer Trail runs 8 miles along an old rail line, crossing scenic creeks and mangrove habitats where ospreys, herons, and spoonbills often appear. From there, cyclists can connect to the Boca Grande Bike Path, adding another 6 miles of island views and coastal breezes. In downtown Punta Gorda, the Harborwalk and Linear Park Trail link waterfront parks, neighborhoods, and Fishermen's Village, while multi-use paths across the city make it easy to ride, explore, and enjoy the sunshine—no car needed.



Loaner Bikes, Limitless Fun!

Prefer pavement with your waterfront views? Punta Gorda's free bike loaner program makes it easy to roll. Check out a bike at pickup spots along the Harborwalk, then follow planned routes through this charming, harborside town. Whether you ride dirt or cruise downtown, adventure awaits. Cost: \$0. Fun: unlimited.



Hobnob with “the Locals”

Ready to meet the area’s natives? Start at Peace River Wildlife Center, a rescue and rehab sanctuary where you can get up close with native birds. Or check out Iguanaland to see reptiles and learn about them. Then go on a Babcock Ranch Eco-Tour, traveling through ranchlands and swamps to see alligators, deer, cracker cattle and wild turkeys.



What You Might See - Keep your eyes open for bald eagles, owls, pelicans overhead, alligators cruising the shallows, and deer or wild turkeys moving through the pines. Look closer, and you’ll spot turtles sunning on logs, along with butterflies and wading birds dancing across the marsh.

Good to Know - Bring binoculars and a camera, wear comfortable closed-toe shoes, and maintain a respectful distance from wildlife. Pack water and reef-safe sunscreen. Say hello, take a picture, and leave only footprints—the locals appreciate it.

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PURE FLORIDA, EVERY CORNER



Come for the natural beauty and expansive water views, stay for the welcoming spirit that defines every corner of Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach. Each community offers its own charm and personality. Port Charlotte invites you to spread out along the harbor with family-friendly parks, waterfront trails, casual dining, and easy access to boating and fishing—perfect for laid-back days on the water.



Punta Gorda buzzes with waterfront dining and shopping, while Englewood and Manasota Key invite you to unwind on soft-sand beaches and explore relaxed coastal villages. Discover Placida and Cape Haze, where restaurants, island boutiques, and fresh seafood markets showcase authentic Florida life, or take a scenic ride to Boca Grande, home to elegant shops, historic architecture, and postcard-perfect sunsets.

Where to Find...

Shopping & Artisan Finds

From coastal boutiques and local art galleries to charming downtown shops, you'll find treasures that reflect the laid-back Florida lifestyle. Browse for handcrafted jewelry, beachwear, home décor, and one-of-a-kind gifts inspired by the Gulf.

Farmers Markets

Taste the local flavor at open-air markets filled with fresh produce, seafood, baked goods, and artisan crafts. Meet friendly vendors, sample local honey, and enjoy the vibrant community atmosphere.

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Museums & Cultural Stops

Step into the region's rich history at local museums and cultural centers featuring exhibits on maritime heritage, aviation, and the arts.

Historic Mural Trail

Follow more than 30 colorful murals that bring Charlotte County's stories to life, from its early settlers to its coastal wildlife.





PUNTA GORDA

Where Creativity Meets the Coast

In Punta Gorda, culture isn't hidden behind velvet ropes. It spills into gardens, flows into concert halls, and welcomes visitors through studio doorways left open to the breeze. A morning could begin at the Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens, where modern artworks emerge from palms and water as the light changes them hour by hour.

Music gives the town its pulse. Discover your rhythm at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center, home to performances by The Charlotte Chorale, Florida Philharmonic, Gulfshore Opera, and more. Be sure to visit the Gulf Theater at the Military Heritage Museum as well.



Across town, the Visual Arts Center anchors the scene with three galleries featuring rotating exhibitions. You might stop for a quick look and leave with something unique wrapped in brown paper from the gift shop. Nearby, the Artisan Atelier buzzes with working studios and a gallery showcasing what local artists are creating. Be sure to check out the Sea Grape Gallery, a cooperative fine-art space with award-winning artists and unique gifts.



History is also nearby. Pay respects at the Vietnam Wall of Southwest Florida, then visit the Blanchard House Museum, the Punta Gorda Historic Railroad Depot, and the History Park & Artisan Village. Do not miss the Military Heritage Museum, where flight simulators, immersive exhibits, and veteran guides bring stories of service to life, creating an unforgettable, educational experience.





GULF ISLANDS

Island Escapes & Coastal Charm

Once known as Knight/Palm, Don Pedro, and Little Gasparilla, these three islands have gradually merged into a single continuous landmass—yet each retains its own unique character. Surrounded by 12 miles of calm, silky-sand beaches, the Gulf Islands serve as a sanctuary of natural beauty. Here, wildlife far outnumbers the people, creating a place where peace, quiet, and pure relaxation come naturally.





PORT CHARLOTTE

A Hub of Culture, Food, and Fun

On the north side of Charlotte Harbor, Port Charlotte welcomes visitors with excellent golf, dining, entertainment, and friendly charm. Visit The Grape Winery & Wine Bar for lively karaoke nights, delicious wines by the glass, and a relaxed, lounge-style vibe. Dinner is paired with entertainment at places like Visani Italian Steakhouse and Comedy Theater, The Grill at 1951, and Donato's Italian Restaurant, where music and good food come together.

The Twisted Fork Restaurant® and Bar, located next to Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson®, is a popular place featuring live music on Bert's Back Porch every weekend, bike nights, and special events. For something different, the Bean Depot Café & Museum offers a unique live music experience. Theater fans should check out a performance by the Charlotte Players, the area's vibrant community theater group.

Recently opened, Sunseeker Resort Florida Gulf Coast, Curio by Hilton, offers stunning waterfront views, a variety of dining and bar options, a full-service spa, championship golf, and spacious venues for weddings, reunions, and events.





ENGLEWOOD & MANASOTA KEY

Beaches, Bays, and Laid-Back Living

Life flows effortlessly in Englewood and Manasota Key, where beaches are the main attraction, but the fun extends beyond the sand. This watersports paradise invites you to rent a boat, paddle through mangrove tunnels, cast a line, or try stand-up paddleboarding. Golfers can choose from more than 180 holes in the area.

Englewood's local charm shines through each morning with beach yoga and continues with the lively Sunday sunset drum circle at Englewood Beach. Afterward, visit one of the many restaurants and bars to celebrate another day in paradise.





PLACIDA, CAPE HAZE & BOCA GRANDE

Hidden Gems of Sun & Sand

These 3 communities blend a peaceful island vibe with plenty of adventure. Fish the prime water of Gasparilla Sound or kayak alongside gentle manatees. Boating, biking, wildlife watching, and golf are common activities here. Fresh seafood is always available, paired with relaxed accommodations and friendly hospitality.

Stop at Gasparilla Marina to rent a boat or enjoy a meal at Smokin' Jerry's Tiki Bar & Grill. And don't miss a visit to the historic village of Boca Grande, where old-world charm comes alive in charming shops, welcoming restaurants, and breathtaking Gulf views that make it one of the region's most popular destinations.





BABCOCK RANCH

Nature, Innovation, and Outdoor Fun

America's first solar-powered town combines innovation with small-town charm. Anchored by Florida Power & Light's largest solar farm, this community, powered by solar and natural gas, invites you to explore Founders Square, a lively downtown district with more options for dining, shopping, and entertainment. Also home to Babcock Ranch Eco-Tours, one of the area's most popular attractions.



GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE SUN

Gather your besties for the ultimate girls' getaway.

Day 1: Sunset and Seafood

Afternoon: Check in and settle by the water.

Golden hour: Rooftop cocktails at Perch 360 with harbor views and sunset selfies.

Evening: Waterfront dinner at Laishley Crab House. Stroll the Harborwalk after dessert.



Day 2: Markets, Makers & Me-Time

Morning: Browse the Punta Gorda Downtown Farmers Market.

Late morning: Shopping and harbor views at Fishermen's Village.

Afternoon: Art fix at the Visual Arts Center.

Evening: Wine and shared plates at The Perfect Caper. Nightcap at Leroy's Southern Kitchen & Bar.



Day 3: Spa and Slow Mornings

Morning: Relax and recharge at Spago Day Spa.

Midday: Brunch near the harbor, then light boutique shopping.

Afternoon: Beach or pool time, group photos, and goodbyes.



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Foodie Finds



Get your taste buds ready

Welcome to Florida's Flavor Coast, where every bite is as memorable as the views. From fresh Gulf seafood and innovative coastal dishes to international cuisines and chef-inspired menus, the culinary scene here satisfies every craving. Unique restaurants, award-winning chefs, and sunset views make each meal special. Come hungry, stay late, and enjoy what's uniquely ours.

Seafood Sensations

Fresh Gulf flavors have always been part of life here. Long before restaurants lined the harbor, local fishermen hauled in grouper, mullet, and blue crab from these waters, supplying markets and families across Southwest Florida. Today, that tradition continues in every bite. At Farlow's on the Water, Gulf catches meet Caribbean flair with blackened mahi, coconut shrimp, and island-inspired sauces served in a breezy waterfront setting.

Laishley Crab House pairs Peace River views with seasonal stone crab, shrimp, and grouper that shine at sunset. For true Old Florida flavor, Peace River Seafood serves blue crab by the bucket, rich She-Crab soup, and just-caught dishes in a relaxed, coastal atmosphere. And at Ortigia Cucina & Bar, diners can savor authentic Italian seafood classics made with local seafood in an open-air downtown setting. The menu is inspired by the beauty and flavors of the small town in Sicily that the chef is from.



Italian & Pizza

Donato's is known for house-made pastas, classic red-sauce dishes, and a warm, family-friendly vibe. Nearby, Monty's specializes in homemade-style Italian meals with hearty pastas and garlic knots that vanish quickly. Both are great options for a comforting dinner after a day on the water.



Where Gulf Breezes Meet Italian Flavors



APULIA
OSTERIA ITALIANA
RESTAURANT, BAR & LOUNGE



Located in Placida, Florida just minutes away from the beautiful island of Boca Grande and close to Port Charlotte and Venice. Chef Dario Leo will make sure that you are delighted with superb food and great service. Enjoy dishes from his native region "Apulia," also called "The Heel of the Boot," with specialties such as Orecchiette with Rapini, Burrata, Baked Snapper, and so many other dishes from Italy! Buon Appetito!

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Burgers & BBQ

At TT's Tiki Bar, the relaxed, toes-in-the-sand vibe features hearty burgers, live music, and stunning views of Charlotte Harbor. Burg'r Bar takes comfort food up a notch with gourmet burgers piled high with creative toppings and a laid-back coastal atmosphere. Lighthouse Grill & Tiki Bar delivers amazing smoked wings, brisket, and ribs alongside breezy water views and tropical cocktails. Texas Best Barbecue rounds out the lineup with tender, slow-cooked meats and signature house-made sauces that keep guests coming back for more. Around here, great food always comes with a side of sunshine and a view.



International Fare

Experience a world of flavor across Punta Gorda. Taste of Europe Bistro serves Old-World comfort with dishes like schnitzel and pierogi, while Pho Saigon delights with authentic Vietnamese flavors and savory noodle soups. For a taste of the Mediterranean, Toula's offers Greek classics made with fresh, local ingredients, and Paraiso Mexican Grill and Bar brings bold, colorful flavors to the city's west side. In downtown Punta Gorda, Sandra's combines European-inspired cuisine with a warm, welcoming atmosphere perfect for date night or a leisurely evening out. Wherever you dine, global tastes meet Gulf Coast charm in every bite.





ON-THE-WATER DINING

There's nothing quite like dining with a waterfront view. From the harbor-side tables at Laishley Crab House to bay views at Beachcomber Trading Post, every meal comes with a side of salty breezes and stunning sunsets. Whether you're sipping cocktails at Perch 360's rooftop or enjoying fresh grouper at Lighthouse Grill, waterfront dining here is more than just a meal—it's a memory.

CRAFTED LOCALLY

Experience the region through local brews, wines, and bites made with care. Charlie Foxtrot Brewing offers bold, small-batch beers, while the Grape Winery & Wine Bar serves wines made right on-site. Pair your drink with Gulf-fresh seafood or farm-to-table dishes at spots like River City Grill. Here, flavor is rooted in local stories, and every pint, pour, or plate feels like a true taste of home.



COOK YOUR CATCH

Reel in your dinner and let the pros do the cooking. After a day on the water, local restaurants like Peace River Seafood and several charter-friendly kitchens will happily prepare your fresh catch, often with sides and seasonings. It's the ultimate reward for anglers—combining the thrill of the catch with the pleasure of a perfectly cooked meal you can proudly say started on your line.



From fresh seafood to hidden gems, discover the flavors that make this region unforgettable.

SAVOR THE FLAVOR COAST!

Scan the code to discover more restaurants.



SAVOR THE LOCAL SCENE

From hidden gems to beloved favorites, each bite is a taste worth remembering.

Winesett House



Chef-owner Travis Winesett crafts “classic dishes with our own twist” using locally sourced seafood and fresh produce. Favorites include salmon, scallops, and his signature wicked chicken eggs.

Bella Napoli



“New York–style Italian with a little flair,” says owner Vitangelo Recchia. Serving family recipes and 600 pizzas a weekend, Bella Napoli offers “the best experience you can have without being in Italy.”

Celtic Ray Public House



A genuine Irish pub known for its authentic fish and chips made with Icelandic cod and hand-cut fries. Expect hearty favorites like shepherd’s pie, reuben pasties, and perfectly poured Guinness®.

Lock ’N Key Restaurant



A longtime Englewood Beach favorite serving seafood, steaks, and casual coastal classics. Specialties include prime rib slow-cooked overnight and guest favorites like the beloved boom boom shrimp.

Peace River Seafood



A local landmark known for blue crab, all-you-can-eat specials, and their beloved gatorgumbo packed with crab, shrimp, and andouille. Enjoy Old Florida charm and seafood served the day it’s caught.

Prime Serious Steak



A modern steakhouse celebrated for its custom-cut steaks from a live butcher room and expertly aged selections. Popular choices include ribeyes, porterhouses, and hearty soups like lobster bisque.

A Taste of Tradition: Gulf Grouper Sandwiches

Before Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach became favorite coastal getaways, local fishermen were hauling in fresh grouper straight from the Gulf. These firm, flavorful fillets became a local staple—grilled on docks, fried at fish fries, and served in seaside shacks along Charlotte Harbor. To this day, the grouper sandwich remains one of Southwest Florida's most beloved bites, symbolizing the simple joy of fresh-from-the-boat dining.



RECIPE CARD

TWISTED SPROUTS

Sautéed Brussels Sprouts with Bacon & Almonds Over Goat Cheese

Signature Dish at The Twisted Fork!

INGREDIENTS

- 1½–2 lbs Brussels Sprouts, Halved
- 2–3 tbsp Olive Oil
- 1–2 cloves Garlic, Minced
- ½ tsp Smoked Paprika
- Salt & Pepper
- 6–8 slices Thick-Cut Bacon, Cooked and Chopped
- 1 cup Sliced Almonds
- Avocado Oil (or any cooking oil)

Goat Cheese Spread

- 8 oz Goat Cheese
- Splash of White Wine
- 1 tsp Chopped Rosemary
- Pinch of Salt
- A Little Heavy Cream



Heat the oven to 350°F, then toss the halved Brussels sprouts with olive oil, garlic, paprika, salt, and pepper, spread them on a parchment-lined sheet pan, and bake for about 14 minutes before letting them cool. While they rest, toast the almonds on a pan until lightly golden. Mix the goat cheese with a splash of white wine, rosemary, and salt, then add heavy cream until it becomes spreadable and chill the mixture. In a hot, oiled pan, sauté the cooled sprouts with the chopped bacon until they're heated through and lightly charred. To serve, spread a spoonful of the goat cheese on each plate, top with the hot sprouts and bacon, and finish with toasted almonds and a sprinkle of parsley.

NIGHTside



When the sun sets, Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach comes alive with relaxed energy and coastal charm. From toes-in-the-sand tiki bars to breezy rooftop lounges, there's a perfect spot for every mood. Sip craft cocktails as the harbor sparkles, unwind with live music under the palms, or gather at a friendly pub where locals treat you like family. Cozy wine bars, casual beachside joints, and lively patios complete the scene. Whether you want to dance, relax, or toast the sunset, the nightlife here offers something for everyone—always with a warm, welcoming vibe.





TT's Tiki Bar

Toes-in-the-sand cocktails, live music, and big harbor sunsets set the laid-back vibe.



Perch 360

Rooftop views, refined small plates, and craft cocktails, high above the harbor.



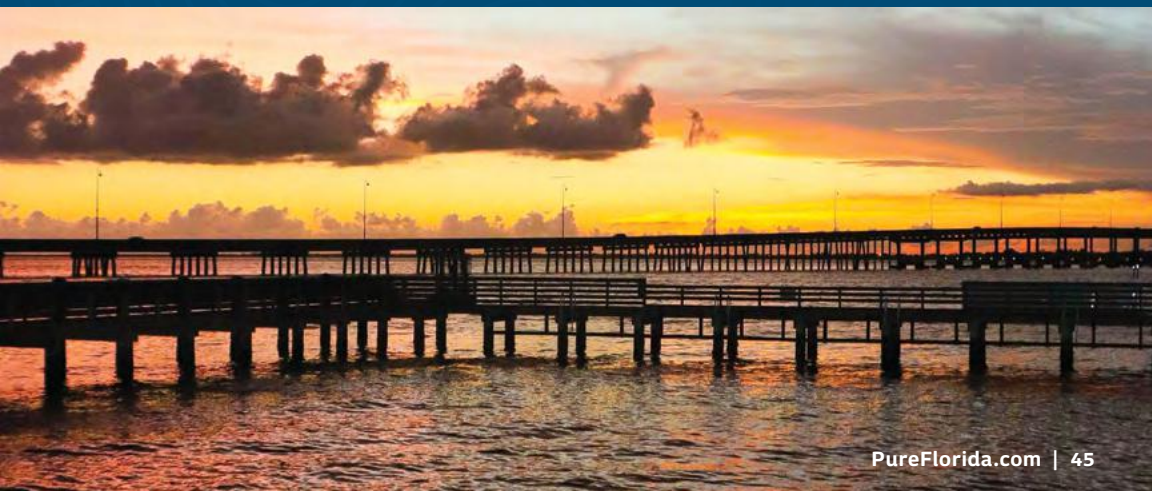
Celtic Ray Public House

A cozy Irish pub pouring proper pints with hearty fare and nightly music.



SandBar Tiki & Grille

Fresh flavors, live music, and island-style relaxation in a friendly, beachy setting.



Your Guide to Sunset Vibes

Romantic & Scenic

For a picture-perfect evening, sip cocktails as the sky turns gold. Level Blue, high atop the Sunseeker Resort Florida Gulf Coast, Curio by Hilton, offers an open-air lounge vibe with sweeping views over Charlotte Harbor. Or set sail from Fishermen's Village, where sunset cruises paint the horizon brilliantly. Whether on deck or at the bar, it's the kind of moment that captures the magic of coastal nights.

Live & Lively

If you love sunsets set to music, Lighthouse Grill & Tiki Bar is the place to be. Sip something cold and enjoy live tunes as the sky turns gold. Or stop by Celtic Ray Public House, where the sound of Irish fiddles, flowing pints, and easy laughter create a perfectly spirited night out.

Eclectic & Local

For a relaxed, community-focused vibe, Downtown Kava offers a sober speakeasy with teas, kava, and non-alcoholic elixirs in a historic train station setting. At local spots like the Bean Depot, you'll enjoy live music, friendly faces, and that charming small-town atmosphere.





Mixing It Up, Local Style

The cocktail culture in Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach blends laid-back waterfront vibes with an emerging craft-cocktail sensibility, driven by creative bartenders who highlight fresh citrus, tropical flavors, and Southern-influenced twists. Perch 360's Garden of Eden captures the area's modern craft style with gin, Drambuie, bright citrus, and aromatic rosemary, offering a refined yet coastal-inspired sip. Meanwhile, Leroy's Huckleberry Lemonade represents the region's more playful Southern flavors — a vibrant mix of vodka, house lemonade, and muddled blueberries that fits right into the sunny, relaxed drinking culture.

the tiki tai

Combine coconut rum, syrup, juices and grenadine in a shaker with ice and shake well. Strain into a tall glass packed with ice. Gently float the Myers's Original Dark Rum on top by pouring it over the back of a spoon, and garnish with a cherry or pineapple slice if desired. Sip slowly, watch the sun set, and enjoy a splash of Pure Florida in every sip.

1oz Coconut Rum
1oz Myers's Original
 Dark Rum
1oz Orgat Syrup
2oz Pineapple Juice
1oz Orange Juice
Splash of Grenadine



**POINT, SCAN &
PARTY PLAN**

Your guide to drinks & vibes.

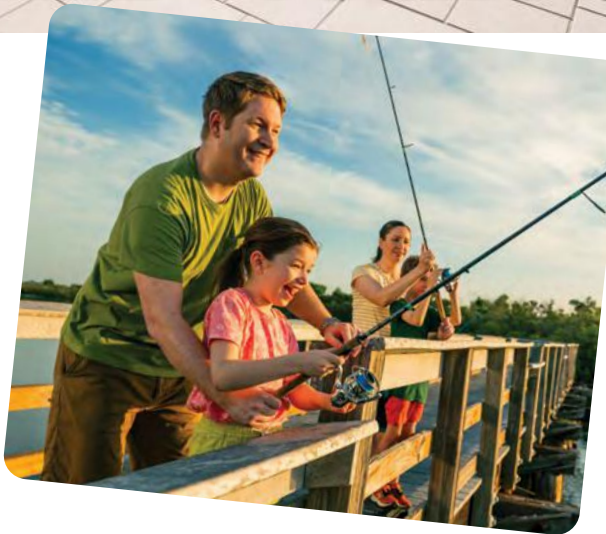
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ADVENTURES FOR ALL AGES

Gather the gang and create a sea of favorite memories with those you love. Swim and shell-hunt on peaceful beaches, hike kid-friendly trails where birds and turtles take center stage and explore the coast by boat for a family picnic with a view. Keep the fun going with a waterfront concert at Fishermen's Village or get wild on a Babcock Ranch Eco-Tour.

Babcock Ranch Eco-Tours

Hop on for a guided ride through ranchlands and swamps where alligators cruise, birds soar, and wild Florida displays its natural beauty. Big smiles, unforgettable wildlife moments.



Harbor Scoops

Craving something sweet? Choose from over 40 homemade flavors (yes, sprinkles included), then take your cones to the waterfront to enjoy a sunset as vibrant as your treat.

Gilchrist Park

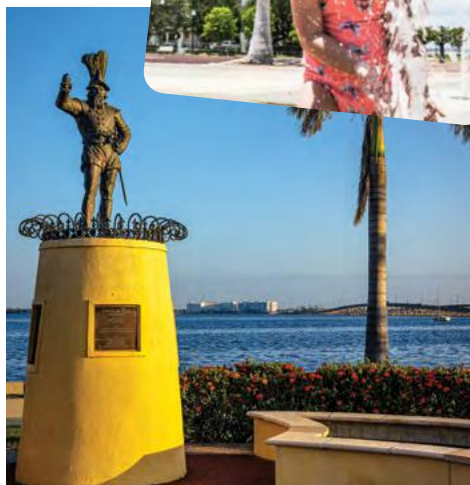
Playground fun, picnic time, harbor views—this park has it all. Let the kids run around, fly a kite, and soak in the expansive views of Charlotte Harbor.

Kidstar Park

Laser tag, go-karts, vintage arcade and indoor blacklight mini-golf—rain or shine, it's non-stop fun for the whole crew.

Starry Night Florida

Sit back and relax as the knowledgeable guide takes you on a tour of the wonders of the night sky, its stars and constellations. (Age 6+)



Experience Florida's Wild Side, Up Close

Experience one of Punta Gorda's most inspiring attractions at the Peace River Wildlife Center. Meet Florida's native birds and animals up close and learn more about the incredible wildlife that shares our state. Visit our current Education Center today and plan to explore our new, expanded facility opening in 2026 on W. Henry Street. It is a destination where learning, conservation, and unforgettable encounters come together.



Current Education Center
3400 Ponce de Leon Pkwy.
Punta Gorda, FL 33950
prwildlife.org | 941-637-3830

New Education Center
900 W. Henry St.
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Laishley Park Interactive Fountain & Playground

Cool off with splash-pad fun, then hit the swings. Pack a towel—kids may never want to leave.

Fishermen's Village

Shop for souvenirs, grab lunch or ice cream, and watch boats glide by. Live music and harbor breezes make this an easy family hangout.

Pizza & Bowling

Strike up an afternoon of friendly competition. Several lanes around the area pair pies, bumpers, and big laughs for all ages.

Iguanaland

Explore the world's largest reptile zoo! Get up close to 250+ fascinating creatures from around the world. Hands-on encounters, wow-worthy facts, open seven days a week.



DID YOU KNOW?

Charlotte Harbor area is known as the Tarpon Fishing Capital of the World, attracting anglers from far and wide.



Fishermen's Village was once a working fish packing plant before becoming a favorite shopping and dining spot.



Local legend holds that President George H. W. Bush joined a Boca Grande charter for tarpon fishing here.



Wildlife encounters are everywhere — from playful dolphins in the harbor to rescued owls at Peace River Wildlife Center.



Fossilized shark teeth wash up daily along Englewood Beach, perfect for family treasure hunts.



Theodore Roosevelt fished Charlotte Harbor in 1917 for “devilfish” and tarpon.



Family Pro Tips

Pack the beach toys, grab extra snacks, and don't forget the sunscreen—because the only thing that should burn is your marshmallow at a sunset s'mores roast. Keep little explorers busy with shark tooth hunts, wildlife spotting, and splashing at the fountains at several local parks. Bring comfy shoes for adventures, leave room in the bag for treasures, and remember naps are optional, but giggles are guaranteed.



Plan Your Family Day

Day 1: Check-In & Chill

Arrive & Unpack: Check into your family-friendly hotel, then let the kids splash off their travel energy at the pool while you sip something cold poolside.

Harbor Stroll: Stretch your legs along the scenic Harborwalk and stop at Gilchrist Park for playground time and wide-open views.

Dinner with a View: Head to Fishermen's Village for waterfront dining—The Village Brewhouse is a family favorite. Afterward, browse shops or grab ice cream at Simply Sweet or Harborside Coffee & Creamery.



Day 2: Wild Florida Fun

Morning Eco-Adventure: Climb aboard a Babcock Ranch Eco-Tour, where swamp buggy rides bring you up close to gators, deer, cracker cattle and a variety of native birds.



Lunch & Laughs: Refuel at the Gator Shack or at Peace River Seafood, famous for its fresh blue crabs.

Afternoon Wildlife: Visit the Peace River Wildlife Center to meet rescued animals, including Luna the leucistic screech owl.

Evening Family Feast: Wrap up with pizza, burgers, and games at The Twisted Fork, where live music keeps the vibe lively for all ages.



Day 3: Sand, Sharks & Scales

Beachcombing Morning: Spend the morning on Manasota Key, where the whole family can hunt for prehistoric shark teeth hidden in the sand.

Picnic & Play: Pack a picnic or grab snacks to enjoy on the beach before heading inland.

Afternoon at Iguanaland: Explore Florida's largest reptile zoo with 250+ creatures—from giant tortoises to rare iguanas. Kids can get hands-on with safe interactions.

Farewell Dinner: End your adventure with a relaxed waterfront meal at TT's Tiki Bar, toes in the sand, sunset on the horizon, and plenty of family smiles.



Unforgettable Encounters for the Whole Family



Founded in 1978, Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary has been a forever home to unwanted or abandoned exotic “zoo type” animals. Book a tour on our website and see our magnificent animals from 6 ft away, enjoying enrichment activities while you hear their stories from volunteer tour guides. Our tours are educational and fun for the whole family! Don't miss this unique opportunity to visit the “Wildest Retirement Home in Punta Gorda!”

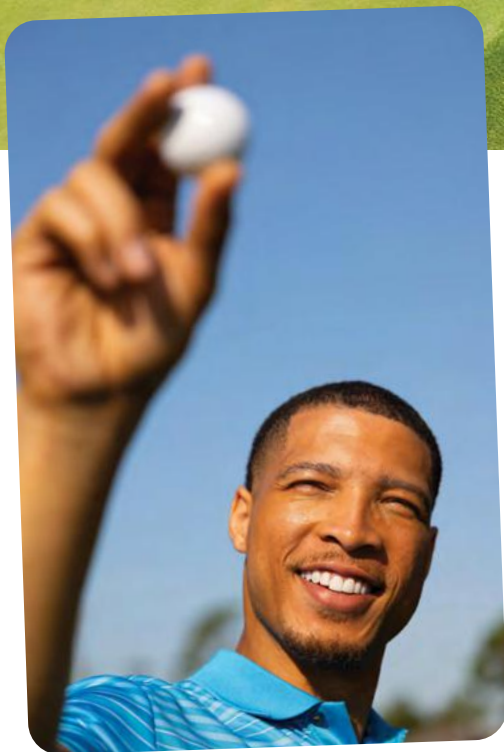
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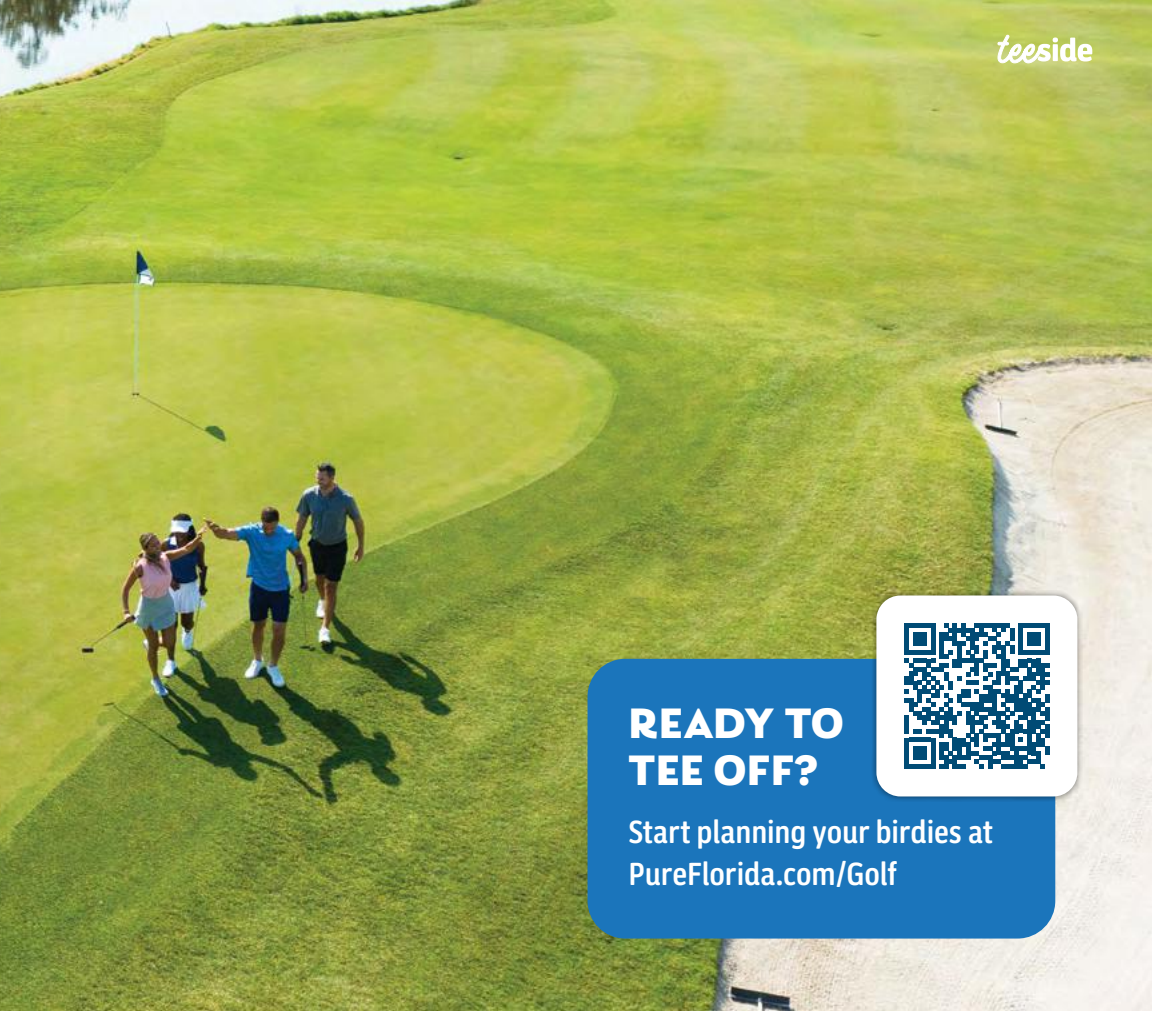


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FAIRWAYS & FUN

Sunshine, sea breezes, and endless fairways make Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach a golfer's haven, offering year-round play on more than 20 beautiful courses, including Riverwood Golf Club, ranked #22 on the Top 25 Golf Courses in Florida list. From scenic inland greens to breezy fairways, every round offers natural beauty, tropical scenery, and wildlife. Bring your clubs, your friends, and your A-game to experience golf the Florida way.





READY TO TEE OFF?



Start planning your birdies at
PureFlorida.com/Golf

Swing Into the Action on Unforgettable Greens

Looking for the perfect place to play? Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is a golfer's paradise with scenic courses for year-round enjoyment. Tee off at Riverwood Golf Club, where fairways wind through oaks and marshes, or visit Rotonda Golf & Country Club, home to five stunning courses—The Hills, Long Marsh, The Palms, The Links, and Pinemoor.

These five emeralds shine with Gulf breezes, well-maintained fairways, and unique challenges at every turn. Aileron Golf Club at Sunseeker Resort Florida Gulf Coast, Curio by Hilton, provides world-class amenities. Beginners and pros alike can improve their game with local PGA instruction, lessons, and clinics.

From Tee to Sea, Championship Courses Await

Riverwood Golf Club

Wind your way through mature oak hammocks and native wetlands. Ideal for mid-handicappers looking for scenic challenge and fun.

Rotonda Golf & Country Club

Five unique courses (The Hills, Long Marsh, The Palms, The Links, Pinemoor) bathed in seaside breezes and varied fairways keep every round fresh.

Aileron Golf Club at Sunseeker Resort Florida Gulf Coast, Curio by Hilton

A world-class course that challenges seasoned players while welcoming beginners, featuring wide fairways, pristine greens, and exclusive access for guests and Hilton Honors members.

Twin Isles Country Club

Relaxed private-club feel with public access, welcoming players of all levels and offering a comfortable, social experience just minutes from downtown Punta Gorda.

Heron Creek Golf & Country Club

Immersed in lakes, islands, and native landscapes, this layout invites nature lovers and golfers who appreciate wildlife along their round.

Deep Creek Golf Club

Just off I-75, this 6,000-yard, Mark McCumber-designed course features native-landscape holes, bunkers and practice facilities that make it a favorite for both serious and casual play.

A DAY ON THE GREENS

Morning Tee: Kick off your day with an early round at Heritage Landing Golf & Country Club, where scenic lush greens and expansive fairways set the stage for a great game. Want variety? Try Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club executive course with its beautifully landscaped fairways, strategically placed bunkers and pristine greens.

Lunch Break: Refuel with fresh coastal cuisine at Farlow's on the Water or enjoy a laid-back bite at Lighthouse Grill and Tiki Bar, where casual dining meets beautiful waterfront views.

Sunset Spot: End your day with a well-deserved drink at Perch 360, watching the sky glow over Charlotte Harbor.



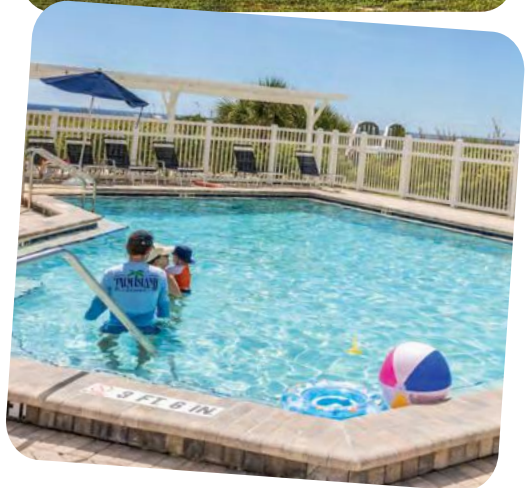
WAYside

Getting here and getting around is simple, no matter how you choose to travel. Whether you arrive by plane, car, or boat, the trip is just as enjoyable as our destination.



TRAVEL TIPS FOR VISITORS

Flip-flops? Check. Sunscreen? Double check. Here, less is more—pack light, stay cool, and leave room for souvenirs (and seashells). Hop on a free loaner bike to explore Punta Gorda's Harborwalk or paddle to hidden spots by kayak. Reservations for eco-tours and seats at seafood restaurants fill up quickly, so plan ahead. Many attractions and restaurants are casual, but a light sweater can come in handy for cool evenings. Most importantly, slow down, relax, and enjoy every moment.





**WE ARE
HERE!**

By Car

With its southwest Gulf coast location, this region is an ideal hub for exploring. Drive just 2.5 hours to Disney World or take quick trips to nearby Florida attractions, all while enjoying Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach as your home base.

By Boat

Take the water route! Water taxis, private charters, kayaks, and canoes connect you to the area's captivating islands. Full-service marinas with friendly staff ensure your boating adventures start smoothly and remain stress-free.

By Plane

Five major airports make arriving a breeze, including Punta Gorda Airport (PGD), Tampa (TPA), St. Petersburg/Clearwater (PIE), Sarasota-Bradenton (SRQ), and Southwest Florida International (RSW). PGD is also home to PGD Air Center (FBO) for general aviation and private jet charter services, offering fuel, tie downs, and concierge services.



28000 A-1 Airport Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33982
FlyPGD.com





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YOUR STAY, YOUR STYLE

Rest easy, your ideal stay awaits. From the luxurious Sunseeker Resort Florida Gulf Coast, Curio by Hilton, where waterfront elegance meets Gulf Coast charm, to trusted hotel brands, boutique inns, vacation rentals, and cozy condos, there's a place to match every style and budget. Prefer camping or RV life? You'll find that too. Many accommodations are pet-friendly and offer thoughtful perks like full kitchens, free bikes or golf carts, and even boat shuttles to offshore islands.

**BOOK YOUR
PERFECT STAY**

Start exploring your options
at PureFlorida.com/Places-to-Stay.





Unique Stays

Looking for something extraordinary? Choose from eco escapes that connect you with nature, cozy hideaways perfect for couples, or family-friendly resorts with plenty of space for everyone to enjoy. Whether it's a waterfront cottage, a tree-lined retreat, or a stylish inn steps from the action, you'll find a tailor-made stay.

Eco Escapes – Experience harmony with nature at retreats surrounded by mangroves, trails, and wildlife.

Couples' Hideaways – Cozy cottages and boutique inns create the perfect setting for romance and relaxation.

Family-Friendly – Resorts and rentals offer space to spread out, pools to splash in, and activities for all ages.

Traveling with Pets – Pet-friendly accommodations welcome your entire family, and may offer perks for your four-legged friends.



Hotels & Resorts

Unwind in style at Palm Island Resort, Manasota Key Resort, Sunseeker Resort Florida Gulf Coast, Curio by Hilton, or Four Points by Sheraton—each offering its own take on Gulf Coast comfort and charm. From the private island experience of Palm Island to the laid-back coastal vibe of Manasota Key and the waterfront luxury of Sunseeker, every stay feels uniquely Florida. For a walkable harborfront escape, The Suites at Fishermen’s Village puts guests steps from dining, shopping, and live entertainment. Whether your trip calls for romance, relaxation, or a little adventure, you’ll find the perfect stay surrounded by sunshine and sea breezes.

PUNTA GORDA		HOTELS/ RESORTS
American Inn Punta Gorda	941.637.1376	american-inn.south-west-florida.com
Baymont by Wyndham Punta Gorda/ Port Charlotte	941.637.7200	wyndhamhotels.com/baymont
Budget Inn of Punta Gorda	941.639.8000	budgetpuntagorda.com
Four Points by Sheraton Punta Gorda Harborside 🐾	941.637.6770	fourpointspuntagorda.com
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Punta Gorda	941.205.8002	holidayinnexpress.com
Knights Inn Punta Gorda	941.505.5701	redlion.com/knights-inn
SpringHill Suites® by Marriott® Punta Gorda Harborside 🐾	941.347.4224	springhillsuites.marriott.com
The Suites at Fishermen’s Village 🐾	941.621.6046	fishermensvillage.com/stay
Wyvern Hotel 🐾	941.639.7700	thewyvernhotel.com



PORT CHARLOTTE

HOTELS/ RESORTS

Comfort Inn & Suites Port Charlotte- Punta Gorda 🐾	941.421.7548	choicehotels.com/flg39
Country Inn and Suites by Radisson	941.235.1035	countryinns.com/portcharlottefl
Days Inn by Wyndham Port Charlotte 🐾	941.623.9404	wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn
Extended Stay America Premier Suites 🐾	941.246.0133	esa.com/PTC
Hampton Inn - Port Charlotte 🐾	941.627.5600	portcharlotte.hamptoninn.com
Knights Inn Port Charlotte 🐾	941.743.2442	redlion.com/knights-inn
Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham Port Charlotte	941.787.3348	wyndhamhotels.com/microtel
Sleep Inn & Suites Port Charlotte- Punta Gorda 🐾	941.613.6300	sleepinnportcharlotte.com
Sunset Inn	786.708.2010	flsunsetinn.com

ENGLEWOOD

HOTELS/ RESORTS

Lemon Bay Motel	941.474.1443	lemonbaymotel.com
Manasota Key Resort 🐾	941.474.3431	manasotakeyresort.com
Motel 6 Englewood 🐾	941.474.5544	motel6.com/us/293685
Studio 6 Englewood 🐾	941.474-5544	studio6.com/en/home.html
Sun Coast Inn 🐾	941.475.6533	suncoastinn.com
Sun Life Beach Hotel	813.447.1111	sunlifebeachhotel.com





BOCA GRANDE

HOTELS/ RESORTS

Boca Grande Hotel	941.964.4443	bocagrandehotel.net
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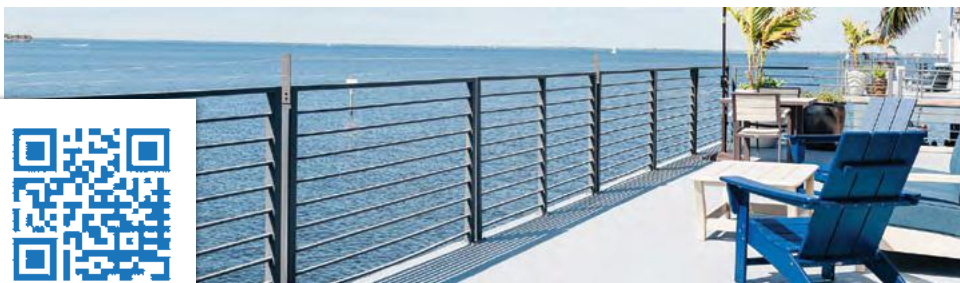
Palm Island Resort	941.697.4800	palmisland.com
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CHARLOTTE HARBOR

HOTELS/ RESORTS

Sunseeker Resort Florida Gulf Coast, Curio by Hilton 🐾	833.914.7300	sunseekerresort.com
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Your Waterfront Retreat Awaits



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Southwest Florida's premier waterfront destination featuring luxury accommodations. Explore boutiques, galleries, fine dining, entertainment and water recreation in an oasis where the endless horizon never goes unnoticed.

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Fishermensvillage.com/stay

Vacation Rentals

Vacation shouldn't mean sacrificing the comforts of home. Choose from cozy cottages or spacious waterfront homes, many with private pools, hot tubs, and breathtaking views. Enjoy the freedom to relax, cook, and reconnect with family and friends. Thoughtful extras—like beach chairs, bikes, or a welcome bottle of wine—make every stay memorable.



ENGLEWOOD

VACATION RENTALS

Avant Properties	941.637.4900	flwestcoastrealty.com/property-management/seasonal-properties
Castaways Condominiums	941.474.4078	castawayscondos.com
Chadwick Cove Resort & Marina	941.474.8577	chadwickcove.com
Floridian Realty Services LLC	941.697.9400	floridianrealtyservices.com/rentals
Gulf Realty Rentals, Inc. 🐾	941.475.1036	gulfrealtyinc.com/rental/all-properties
The Highview at Stump Pass Place	941.548.6145	stumppassplace.com/the-highview
Island House on the Beach	—	islandhouseflorida.net
Manasota Key Condos	908.500.2158	manasotakeycondos.com
Paradise Breeze Vacation Rentals 🐾	941.223.2656	paradisebreezefl.com/rentals/
Pelican Shore Cottages	941.875.0151	pelicanshorecottages.com
Pineapple Gulf Property Management 🐾	941.473.0333	rentenglewood.com/seasonal-listings
Rent Me Florida	941.474.2882	rentme florida.com/properties
Tranquility Bay and Cottages 🐾	931.474.9516	tranquilitybayandcottages.com

PLACIDA**VACATION RENTALS**

Islander Properties, Inc. 🐾	941.697.2000	islanderproperties.com
Little Gasparilla Vacation Rentals 🐾	941.404.6777	littlegasparilla.com
Place in the Sun Vacation Rentals	941.697.2175	placeinthesun.com/index.aspx
Placida Properties	941.697.4500	placidaproperties.com/all-placida-harbour-rentals
Tarpon Real Estate	941.697.9797	tarponrealestate.com/vacation-rentals/

PUNTA GORDA**VACATION RENTALS**

The Cottages at Punta Villas 🐾	407.353.3001	puntavillascottages.com
Five Star Realty of Charlotte County	941.637.6116	fivestarrealty.com
Global Vacation Rentals	407.387.3030	globalresorthomes.com/vacation-rentals/charlotte-harbor
Lifestyles Realty Group	941.479.2544	thelifestylesrealtygroup.com/properties

BOCA GRANDE**VACATION RENTALS**

Boca Grande Real Estate, Inc. 🐾	941.964.0987	bocagranderealestate.com/north-end-rentals
Boca Grande Vacations	941.964.2080	bocagrandevacations.com/vacation/category/bvh
Parsley-Baldwin Realty	941.964.2700	rentals.pbgrande.com/off-island

PORT CHARLOTTE**VACATION RENTALS**

Riverwood Realty	941.743.9663	riverwoodrealestate.com/single-family-seasonal/
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RV Parks & Campgrounds

Love the great outdoors? Camp under the stars at one of the area's friendly RV parks or campgrounds. Whether arriving with a large RV or setting up a tent, you'll find spacious sites, shaded areas, and plenty of modern amenities. Many locations are just minutes from the beach or surrounded by nature trails, making it easy to wake up to Gulf breezes, birdsong, and open skies.

PUNTA GORDA

RV PARKS & CAMPGROUNDS

Babcock-Webb Campgrounds	–	myfwc.com/recreation/lead/babcockwebb/things-to-do/camping
Creekside RV Resort 🐾	941.833.7726	creeksidervresort.com
Encore Gulf View RV Resort 🐾	941.639.3978	rvonthego.com/florida/gulf-view-rv-resort
Harbor Belle RV Resort 🐾	941.639.2010	harborbellervresort.com
Palm Breeze Luxury RV Resort 🐾	941.621.3717	sunlight-resorts.com/resorts/palm-breeze/
Peace River Estates RV Park 🐾	941.866.3043	campspot.com/book/peace-river-rv-park
Shell Creek RV Community 🐾	941.639.4234	shellcreekrv.com
Sun-N-Shade RV Resort 🐾	941.639.5388	sunnshade.com

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RV PARKS & CAMPGROUNDS

Cabana Bay RV Resort by Boca Grande 🐾	941.444.1814	cabanabayrvresort.com
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PORT CHARLOTTE

RV PARKS & CAMPGROUNDS

Encore Harbor Lakes RV Resort	877.570.2267	rvonthego.com/florida/harbor-lakes-rv-resort
Myakka River Motorcoach Resort	941.740.2599	myakkamotorcoachresort.com/ luxury-rv-lots-for-rent/

Bay Views and RV Bliss

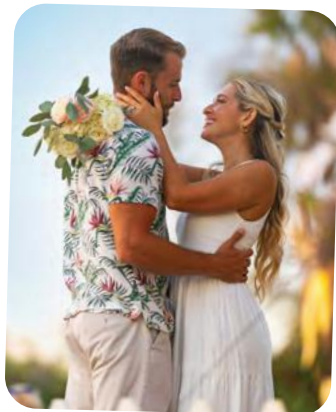


Cabana Bay RV Resort welcomes travelers to Florida’s Gulf Coast with spacious paved sites, a resort-style pool, pickleball courts, fitness center, and other welcoming amenities. Set amid beautifully landscaped grounds, this luxury resort offers a peaceful retreat near Boca Grande and Englewood’s white-sand beaches — the perfect balance of coastal adventure, upscale comfort, and relaxation.

9001 Gasparilla Rd., Placida, FL 33946 | 941.444.1814 | Cabanabayrvresort.com

Tie the Knot in Paradise

Exchange vows with the Gulf as your witness. Select your ideal backdrop in Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach, from barefoot pledges on pristine beaches to elegant receptions. Exchange rings at sunset, toast with family on a harbor cruise, or celebrate in lush gardens. With expert planners, scenic venues, and countless photo opportunities, your wedding here will be as memorable as your love.



Sports Facilities That Score

From world-class pickleball at PicklePlex® of Punta Gorda to tee times on over 20 top-rated golf courses, Charlotte County is perfect for sports fans. Cheer from the stands at local stadiums, cast a line in the “Tarpon Fishing Capital of the World,” or compete on state-of-the-art fields and courts. With sunshine year-round and excellent facilities, it’s ideal for tournaments, teams, and spectators.

Serve Up Some Action, Smash Into Fun



- Learn to play pickleball for FREE
- 24 professional courts (17 lighted)
- 7am – 10pm daily
- Annual, seasonal, monthly & family memberships
- Daily Plex Drop-In Available
- Corporate outings & team building
- Tournaments, leagues & lessons
- Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Business of the Year 2023



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Meetings that Make Waves

Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is where business meets inspiration. The Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center offers 44,000 square feet of flexible waterfront space, including a 20,000-square-foot main hall, multiple breakout rooms, prefunction areas, and a waterfront terrace for receptions. Nearby venues range from gardens and yacht clubs to historic theaters. The Sunseeker Resort Florida Gulf Coast, Curio by Hilton, features 60,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor event space for large or VIP programs. Between sessions, teams can kayak through mangroves, play championship golf, or enjoy sunset cruises. With group dining, team building, and warm hospitality, your next meeting will be unforgettable.



Annual Events

There's always something to celebrate in Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach! From waterfront festivals to sky-high thrills, the calendar here has memorable events all year. Catch a concert, attend an art or food festival, or take in a sporting event. Enjoy America's favorite pastime during Spring Training, when the Charlotte Sports Park comes alive with baseball excitement. Get into the spirit at lively St. Patrick's Day celebrations, feel the roar of the Florida International Airshow, or make a splash at Englewood Beach Waterfest. Every season gives a reason to join the celebration!

Where Big Moments Happen on the Harbor

From concerts and art shows, to seasonal festivals and community favorites, the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center is Punta Gorda's go-to spot for unforgettable fun. All year long, this waterfront venue brings people together with live entertainment, local flair, and scenic views of the Peace River—check the calendar and join the excitement.

FEBRUARY



Tampa Bay Rays Spring Training

Charlotte Sports Park

Snowbird Baseball

Centennial & South County
Regional Parks

Port Charlotte Greek Fest

Port Charlotte

MARCH

Tampa Bay Rays Spring Training

Charlotte Sports Park

Snowbird Baseball

Centennial & South County Regional Parks

Annual Taste of Punta Gorda and Beyond

Laishley Park

Saint Patrick's Day Celebration

Celtic Ray Public House

Annual Babcock Ranch Art Show

Babcock Ranch Founder's Square



EXPLORE ANNUAL EVENTS

A full year of fun awaits.
Don't miss a moment.

JULY

Fishermen's Village Independence Weekend Celebration

Fishermen's Village

SEPTEMBER

Let's Eat! Englewood Restaurant Week

Englewood



OCTOBER

Englewood Beach Waterfest

Englewood Beach

Halloween Notte

Charlotte County Fairgrounds

NOVEMBER

Florida International Air Show

Punta Gorda Airport

Lighting of the Village

Fishermen's Village



DECEMBER

Light Up the Night: Downtown Punta Gorda Tree Lighting

Punta Gorda

Festival of Lights

Fishermen's Village

New Year's Eve Celebration and Fireworks Display

Fishermen's Village



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